

REMARKS

Amended claim 1 recites, in part, "the first cutter is moved backward and forward in a direction which crosses over a direction in which the film is conveyed in order to adjust a blade touching between the first cutter and the second cutter." Amended claim 1 is supported in the specification, for example, on page 12, lines 7 to 19 and Figures 2 and 3.

In contrast, in JP 5146991, a forward and backward direction of a fixed edge 1 is parallel with a direction of conveying a sheet guided by a plane surface 11 of the fixed edge 1. Therefore, JP 5146991 does not describe "the first cutter is moved backward and forward in a direction which crosses over a direction in which the film is conveyed," as required by the claimed invention.

Further, in JP 2002-211833, as understood from FIG. 11, FIG. 13, and paragraph 0056 in the Specification, a forward and backward direction of blade edge 114 is parallel with a direction of conveying a tape T. Therefore, JP 2002-211833 cannot be relied on solely in support of the obviousness rejection.

In amended claim 1, as compared with a forward and backward direction of a fixed edge that is parallel with a direction of conveying a sheet as described in JP 5146991 and JP 2002-211833, because the first cutter is moved back and forward in a direction which crosses over a direction in which the film is conveyed, even if the first cutter is moved backward and forward, a contact point between the blade edge of the first cutter and a blade edge of the second cutter is not easily changed in the direction in which the film is conveyed, a length of the film which is cut is not easily changed, and thereby the length of the film which is cut can be maintained at a predetermined length. Moreover, the De Torre reference cannot be relied on solely to remedy the deficiencies of JP 5146991 and JP 2002-211833.

Accordingly, the obviousness rejections should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

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